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SUBJECT: KOREAN DIPLOMAT REPORTEDLY ESCAPES FROM SAIGON

1. MOFA HAS INFORMED US THAT KIM CHANG-KUN, ONE OF THE NINE ROK EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS STRANDED IN SAIGON, HAS MANAGED TO ESCAPE TO SINGAPORE.

2. ACCORDING TO MOFA OFFICIAL, KIM, PASSING HIMSELF OFF AS VIETNAMESE, PASSED THROUGH SIX PRG CHECKPOINTS TOGETHER WITH SMALL GROUP OF NON-EMBASSY KOREANS AND THEIR VIETNAMESE WIVES AND SUBSEQUENTLY BOARDED BOAT FOR SINGAPORE.

3. MOFA OFFICIAL DID NOT YET HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM KIM OR OTHER SOURCE ON REMAINING EIGHT STAFF MEMBERS.

4. MOFA HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT UPI STORY OUT OF SAIGON HAS MENTIONED FACT OF STRANDED KOREANS. (WE HAVE NOT SEEN UPI REPORT). MOFA HAS BEEN
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TRYING TO AVOID PUBLIC MENTION OF THIS MATTER FOR

FEAR THAT IT MIGHT RESULT IN DIPLOMATS BEING
HARMED BY PRG OR HANDED OVER TO NORTH KOREA.
EMBARRASSMENT OVER ISSUE MAY ALSO BE MOTIVE FOR
TRYING TO KEEP STORY UNDER WRAPS.
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